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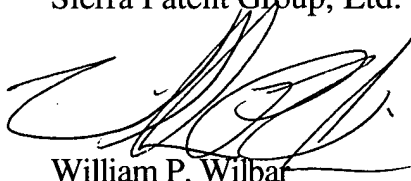
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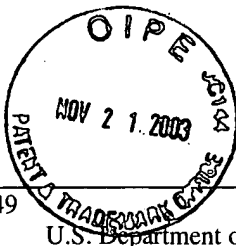
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X	15 and 17	US 5055894 (Chan) see whole document
A		US 4903274 (Taneya et al) see Figures 9A, 9B and 9C and abstract
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A		EP 0617303 A1 (AKZO NOBEL) Abstract and Figure 10.
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